

**CARDIFF**

**MACHINE**  
**CANCELLATIONS**

**1905 – 1952**

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This attempt to identify and list the different machine marks and various combinations of dater die and obliterator that were used in Cardiff to 1952 was first published ten years ago, since then extension to dates have been recorded and new marks have come to light, necessitating this new second edition. The sequence of marks in Cardiff is mirrored in other towns and cities whose machine marks could be usefully researched in a similar way.

The author recognises that this record is incomplete and would be grateful if readers could email scans (600dpi or larger jpg files) to [roger.gilbert@ntlworld.com](mailto:roger.gilbert@ntlworld.com) of any item found that could expand this listing.

Images have been taken from actual marks wherever possible, ten marks are taken with kind permission from Collecting Slogan Postmarks by Parsons, Peachey and Pearson.

With grateful thanks to Paul Reynolds and Parsons, Peachey and Pearson for their authoritative works which contain much essential information for anyone wishing to explore the world of machine postmarks.

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## Abbreviations

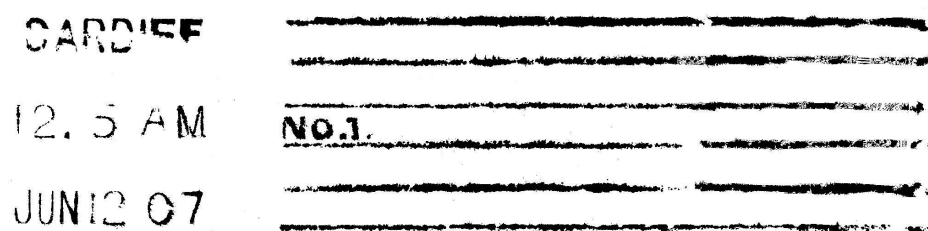
c .....	Continuous impression
s .....	Single impression
B .....	Dater square in box
Cu ...	Single circle dater (Cardiff curved)
L.....	Obliteration part of cancel in straight lines
O ....	Official
P.....	Paquebot dater
Pd....	Paid dater
S.....	Obliteration part of cancel slogan
St.....	Straight line dater
W.....	Obliteration part of cancel in wavy lines
Δ.....	Triangular Printed Matter die in dater position
PPP...	Numbers from Parsons, Peachey and Pearson's Collecting Slogan Postmarks 1986
* .....	Dates taken from “Machine Cancellations of Wales 1905-2009” by Paul Reynolds ~ Published by lulu.com ID 6273625



## CARDIFF MACHINE CANCELLATIONS

Between 1905 and 1952 three types of cancelling machine were used in Cardiff, Columbia, Krag and Universal.

The Columbia 1905-21 and Krag 1909-24 machines can easily be distinguished as they used a rectangular dater with CARDIFF, TIME and DATE in three lines often with a letter A after the DATE. The machines initially used a six straight line obliterator die and after 1914 a five wavy line obliterator die. The two earliest Columbia marks have 'No.1' between the central bars.



Early Columbia single impression mark showing a six straight line obliterator die and typical Columbia/Krag dater arrangement

The Columbia is a single impression as above whilst the Krag machine produces a continuous impression made by using two dater dies and two obliteration dies on a revolving cam.

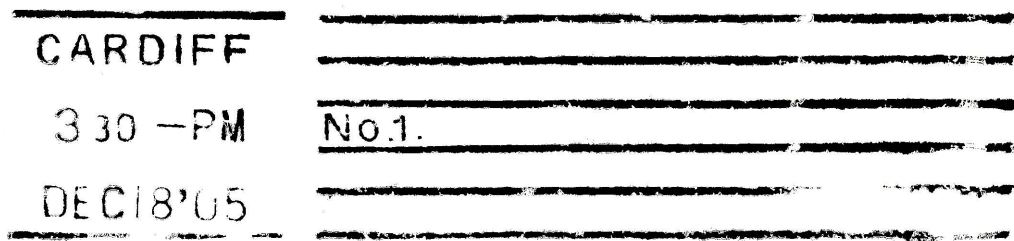


Typical Universal dater die with arc at base

The Universal machine cancellations between 1921-52 have a distinctive circular dater with varying sizes of lettering and arc in the base.

## Columbia Machine

Machines from the Columbia Postal Supply Co, Silver Creek, New York were installed into London offices from 1901. The machines cost £144 had a speed of 500-600 letters a minute, with 5% misses, saving the time of three men and wages of £210 a year. These used a single impression with a circular dater die until 1904 when a rectangular dater die with lines above and below was introduced. By July 1916 a total of 58 Columbia



Early Cardiff Columbia machine mark

machines were in use nationally. Shown is the style of the first Cardiff Columbia machine mark used in 1905. This machine was the first and only Columbia to be used in Wales and was in use until 1921. The rectangular dater die was used with obliterator dies of six straight lines until 1914 when wavy lines were introduced. From 1918 slogan campaign postmarks were used. Two Columbia slogan postmarks are known used in Cardiff in 1917 and 1918 - BUY NATIONAL/WAR BONDS/NOW and FEED THE GUNS/WITH WAR BONDS.

All Cardiff single impression marks up to 1921 were produced by the Columbia machine.

## Krag Machines

Money was allocated for the purchase of Norwegian inventor Mr. Krag's machines by the Post Office in their 1908 budget, a total of 18 machines being purchased at a cost of £2,106 one of these being for Cardiff. All continuous impressions from Cardiff were produced by Krag machines one electric and one hand driven. The electric machine was in use between 1909 and 1924 using a rectangular dater die with a six straight line obliterator die 1909-1913, wavy line obliterator die 1913-1924 and slogan obliterator dies. The hand machine was in use between 1912 and 1914 had a distinctive 'cross' mark after CARDIFF and used a five wavy line obliterator die.

Krag impressions were made by two dater dies and two obliteration dies, in pairs on a cam, producing a cancellation which goes right across the width of the item, there are slight differences between the pairs of dies with 78-79mm between successive impressions. The public were not happy with this strike across the whole of the top of an item especially on postcards as it could obliterate part of the message.

Three Krag slogan postmarks are known from Cardiff BUY NATIONAL/WAR BONDS/NOW and FEED THE GUNS/WITH WAR BONDS used in 1918 and BRITISH EMPIRE/EXHIBITION 1924 used in 1923.



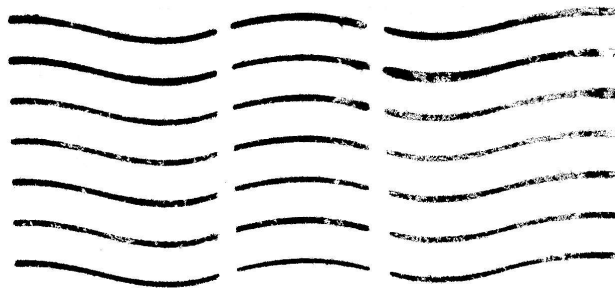
Feed the Guns with War Bonds Slogan

## Universal Machine

Trials of a machine supplied by the Universal Machine Co. of New York were carried out in London during 1910. The machine cost £250 and cancelled 620 letters a minute, this was followed by trials of a cheaper machine at £200 which cancelled 400 letters a minute.

By June 1924 a total of 91 Universal machines in three model types were in use nationally. Their design was based on the 'Hey Dolphin' and 'Krag' patents acquired in Norway.

The Universal machine cancels are single impressions which were used in Cardiff from 1921, when it was issued with a Universal G machine, and are characterised by having circular dater dies with either five, six or seven wavy line and slogan obliterator dies.



Typical Universal dater and obliterator configuration

The circular dater dies are 21mm in diameter with varying size of lettering and degrees of arc in the lower part of the dater. Only one die (Type 13) has no arc.

## Slogan Postmarks

Slogan postmarks incorporate words or words and graphics to promote campaigns and advertise or commemorate events.

The first slogan postmarks in Britain were used between December 1917 and November 1918 to promote the sale of War Bonds. Columbia single and Krag continuous impression BUY NATIONAL/WAR BONDS/NOW and FEED THE GUNS/WITH WAR BONDS slogans have been found for Cardiff. There were then no slogan postmarks until 1922 when slogans made a comeback in a small number of offices. All slogans found used after 1923 are from the Universal machine using various circular dater dies. The number of dies produced nationally for each slogan varied greatly with only 12 for the Krag BRITISH EMPIRE/EXHIBITION 1924 issued in 1922 and 400 being issued for the Universal Victory Bells slogans of 1945, after this date a large number of slogans had 350 dies being issued to approximately 250 offices. Dies which were reused in successive campaigns were retained by the office, while ones which only had one period of use were returned to the supplies department as soon as they were withdrawn. In other offices the 1951 Festival of Britain slogan was used from 2-30 April however at Cardiff it was also used on the 3rd and 4th May. 3rd May was the Festival of Britain commemoratives (2) and the change of colour GVI definitives (5) first day of issue, these are known from Cardiff on first day cover with the Festival of Britain slogan (See page 41).





Postcard used in 1908 showing 'The General Post Office, Cardiff'. Built at a cost of £68,000 in 1897 this building on the corner of Westgate Street and Park Street would have housed cancelling machines whose marks are detailed here. In 1908 over 1,500,000 letters and 28,400 parcels were dealt with each week. The building still stands (2016) although it was closed as a Post Office on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 1983.

# CARDIFF MACHINE CANCELLATIONS

## Columbia Single Impression Machine.

Dater - CARDIFF/TIME/DATE in three straight lines.

### a) Obliterator six straight lines

	<u>Details</u>	<u>Earliest</u>	<u>Latest</u>
StL/s	1) No.1 Code, lines above and below dater	08/02/05*	20/05/06*
	2) No.1 Code, no lines above and below dater	07/06/06*	18/07/07*
	3) No Code, no lines above and below dater	05/08/07*	31/12/07*
	4) No Code, no lines above and below dater A after date CARDIFF 17mm narrow 'C'	06/01/08*	04/04/08*
	5) Small A after date, CARDIFF 20mm D-F 3mm	18/04/08	28/11/08
	6) Small A after date, CARDIFF 20mm D-F 2½mm	24/12/08	
	7) Small underlined narrow <u>A</u> after date	02/01/09	11/07/09
	8) Small underlined <u>A</u> , with extended left tail, after date	20/08/09	21/10/10
	9) Large underlined <u>A</u> after date	14/01/11	19/12/11
	10) Large A after date, round 'C' CARDIFF 20mm, D-F 2½mm	23/12/11	06/04/12
	11) Large A after date, CARDIFF 17mm	19/05/12*	13/09/12*
	12) Larger A after date, squarish 'C' CARDIFF 20mm, D-F 2½mm	25/12/12	22/03/13
	13) Large A after date, CARDIFF 20mm, D-F 1¾, square 'C'	20/06/13	02/12/13
	14) No A after date	17/01/14	11/06/14



CARDIFF	
3 30 -PM	No.1.
DEC18'05	

StL/s 1 – Lines above and below dater

CARDIFF	
12.5 AM	No.1.
JUN12 07	

StL/s 2 – No lines above and below dater  
all later Columbia and all Krag dater dies have no lines

CARDIFF	CARDIFF	CARDIFF	CARDIFF
6.45 PM	8.30 PM	12.15 AM	8.35 PM
MAR17 08A	MAY25 08A	AUG 20 09A	APL 3 11A

StL/s 4  
No code, no lines  
A after date  
CARDIFF 17mm  
Narrow 'C'

StL/s 5  
Small A after date  
CARDIFF 20mm  
D-F 2½mm

StL/s 8  
Small underlined A  
with extended left  
tail after date

StL/s 9  
Large underlined A  
after date

CARDIFF	CARDIFF	CARDIFF	CARDIFF
10. PM	12.15 AM		8.30 PM
APL 6 12A	JUN18 12A	DEC 25 12A	SEP 20 13A

StL/s 10  
Large A after date  
Round 'C'  
CARDIFF 20mm  
D-F 2½mm

StL/s 11  
Large A after date  
CARDIFF 17mm

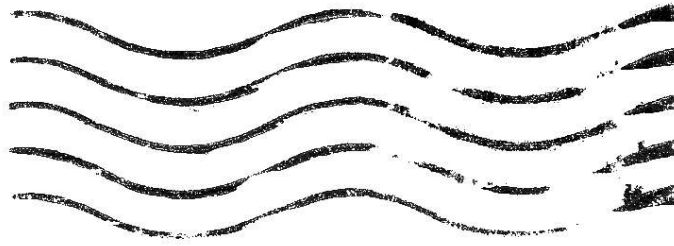
StL/s 12  
Large A after date  
CARDIFF 20mm  
D-F 2½mm

StL/s 13  
Large A after date  
Square 'C'  
CARDIFF 20mm  
D-F 1¾mm

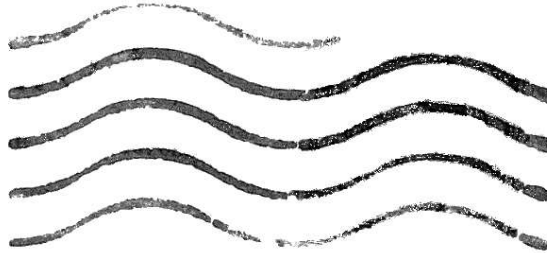


## b) Obliterator five wavy lines

StW/s	1)	CARDIFF 20mm, D-F 2mm 5 wavy lines inclined down	11/07/14*	03/04/15*
	2)	CARDIFF 18mm 5 wavy lines inclined down	22/12/14*	05/03/16*
	3)	CARDIFF 20mm square C, D D-F 1½mm 5 wavy lines inclined down	02/06/16*	15/10/16
	4)	CARDIFF 20mm rounded D D-F 2mm 5 wavy lines inclined down	23/10/16*	29/07/17
	5)	CARDIFF 20mm square C, D D-F 2mm 5 wavy lines inclined down	29/09/17	23/10/17*
	6)	CARDIFF 20mm narrow C, D D-F 3mm 5 wavy lines inclined up	23/??/17	
	7)	CARDIFF 18mm rounded C 5 wavy lines inclined down	10/09/18*	25/12/19*
	8)	CARDIFF 20mm smaller letters square C, D 5 wavy lines inclined down	20/04/20	13/12/20*
	9)	CARDIFF 20mm smaller letters narrow C, D 5 wavy lines inclined down	12/11/20	22/08/21
CFW/s	CFΔ)	CF in triangle 5 wavy lines inclined down	C1914/21	



5 wavy lines inclined downward



5 wavy lines inclined upward



Columbia (StW/s 8) APL 20 20 with 3d 162 (Cardiff) postage due handstamp  
3d Postage Due stamp cancelled with a Single Circle BRIGHTON thimble

### c) Obliterator Slogan

Details of National Campaigns from  
Collecting Slogan Postmarks - Parsons, Peachey & Pearson

StS/s 1) PPP 1 BUY NATIONAL/WAR BONDS/ NOW 1918

2) PPP 6 FEED THE GUNS/WITH WAR BONDS 1918

BUY NATIONAL/WAR BONDS NOW

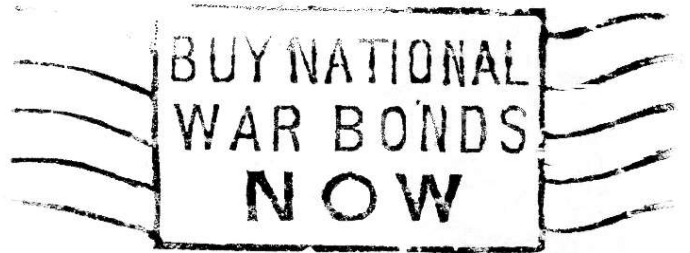
1917 December /1918 October

About 100 pairs of dies used nationally

(The first slogan cancellations in Great Britain 1917 - 1918 ~ R A Keneally 1991 reports use in Cardiff

21 December 1917 - 30 September 1918)

Observed use 24/12/17 - 30/09/18



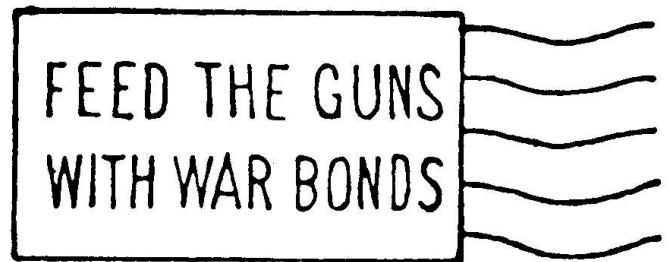
StS/s 1

FEED THE GUNS/WITH WAR BONDS

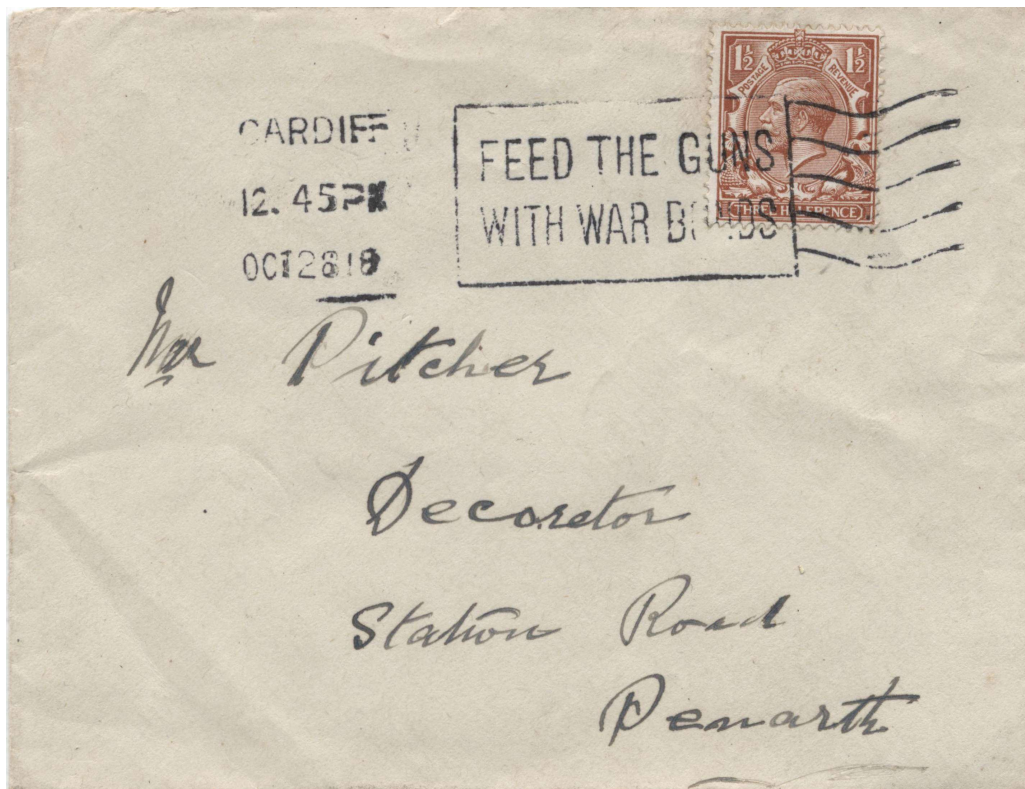
1918 1 October - November

About 30 pairs of dies used nationally

(The first slogan cancellations in Great Britain 1917 - 1918 ~ R A Keneally 1991 reports use in Cardiff 7 October - 5 November 1918)



StS/s 2



Columbia FEED THE GUNS/WITH WAR BONDS (StS/s 2)

## Krag Continuous Impression Machines

Dater - CARDIFF/TIME/DATE in three straight lines.

### a) Obliterator six straight lines

StL/c	1)	Time central	28/10/09	25/06/13
	2)	Time above date (error of placement ?)	15/11/09	
CFL/c	CFA)	CF in triangle	??/05/10	
PdL/c	Pd1d	CARDIFF/PAID 1d	12/07/10*	

CARDIFF  
2. — PM  
MAY 3 1909

StL/c 1 -  
Time central

CARDIFF  
2. — PM  
NOV 15 09

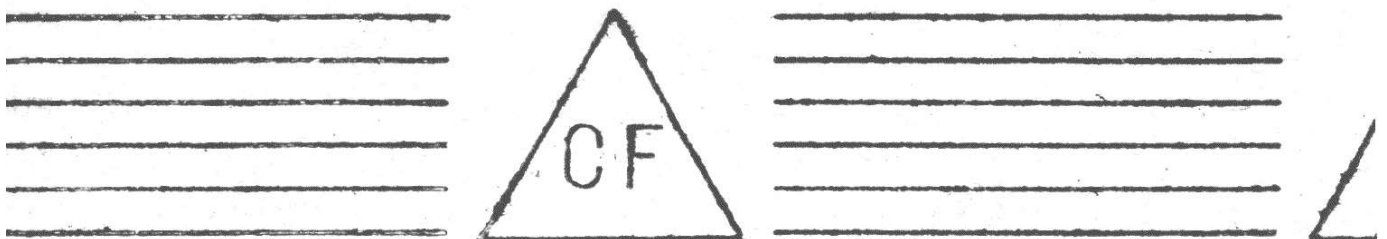
StL/c 2 -  
Time above date

CARDIFF  
PAID 1 D  
AUG 4 17

PdW/c – Pd 1d  
Paid 1d

CARDIFF  
PAQUEBOT  
3. — PM  
JUL 20 14

PW/c 1  
Paquebot (Page 17)



CFL/c - CF in triangle six straight line obliterator

The two triangles differ in size one being 25mm at the base the other 23mm this is also true for the later Krag wavy line mark, it would seem that there was only one set of CF dies for the Krag machine.



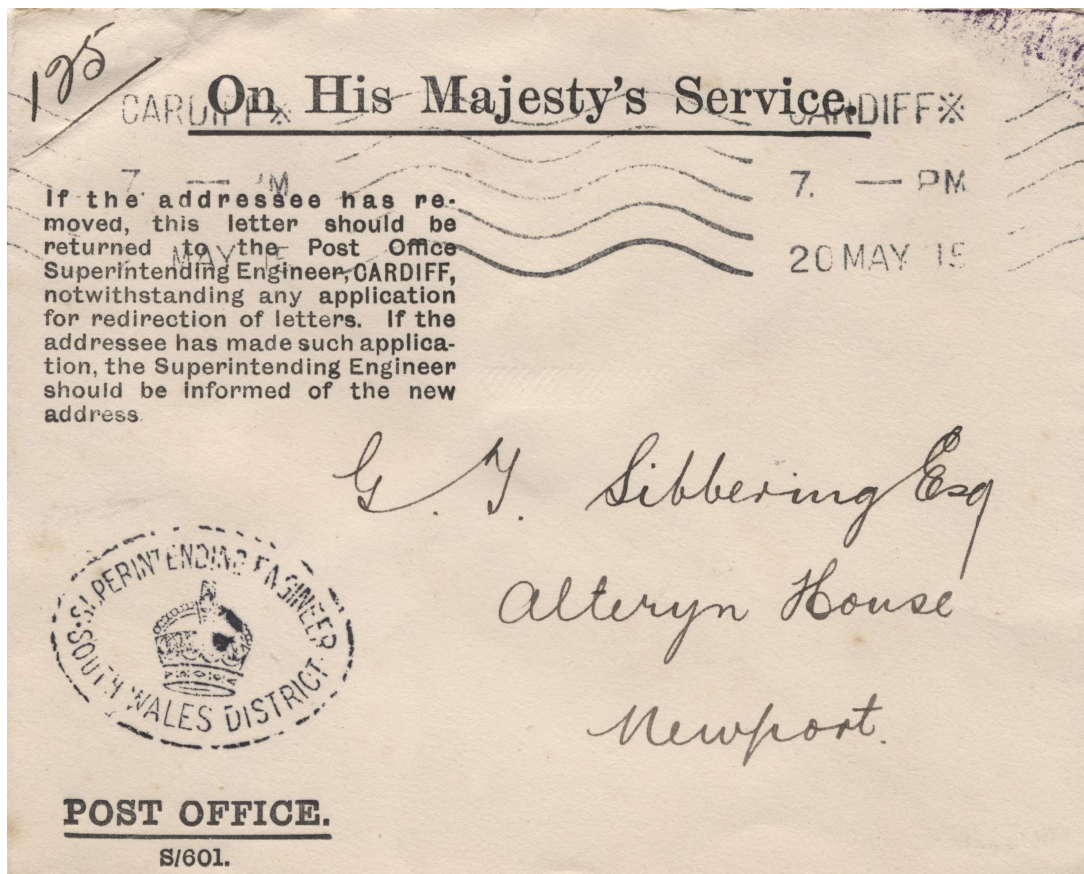
**b) Obliterator five wavy lines**

StW/c 1)	Day, Month, Year ✕ after CARDIFF	17/04/12*	19/09/15*
2)	Month, Day, Year	24/09/13*	19/06/14
3)	Month, Day, Year	04/07/14	
4)	Month, Day, Year Round 'C', 'D' in CARDIFF	08/05/15	14/10/19
5)	Month, Day, Year Square 'C', 'D' in CARDIFF	28/09/17	11/11/20
6)	Day, Month, Year	17/05/21	21/09/21
7)	Day, Month, Year		05/08/24

CFW/c CFΔ) CF in triangle C1913/24

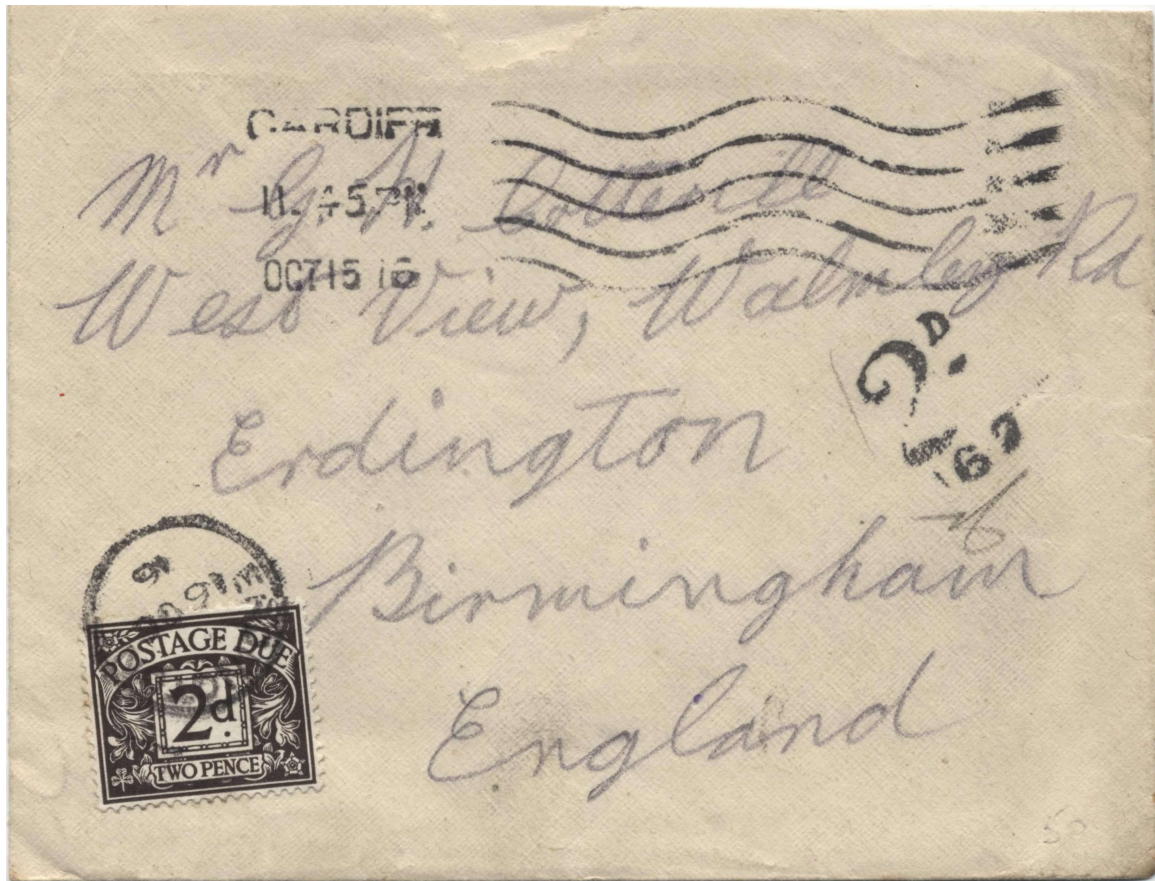
PdW/c Pd½d CARDIFF/PAID ½d 26/08/13\*

PdW/c Pd 1d CARDIFF/PAID 1d 04/08/17

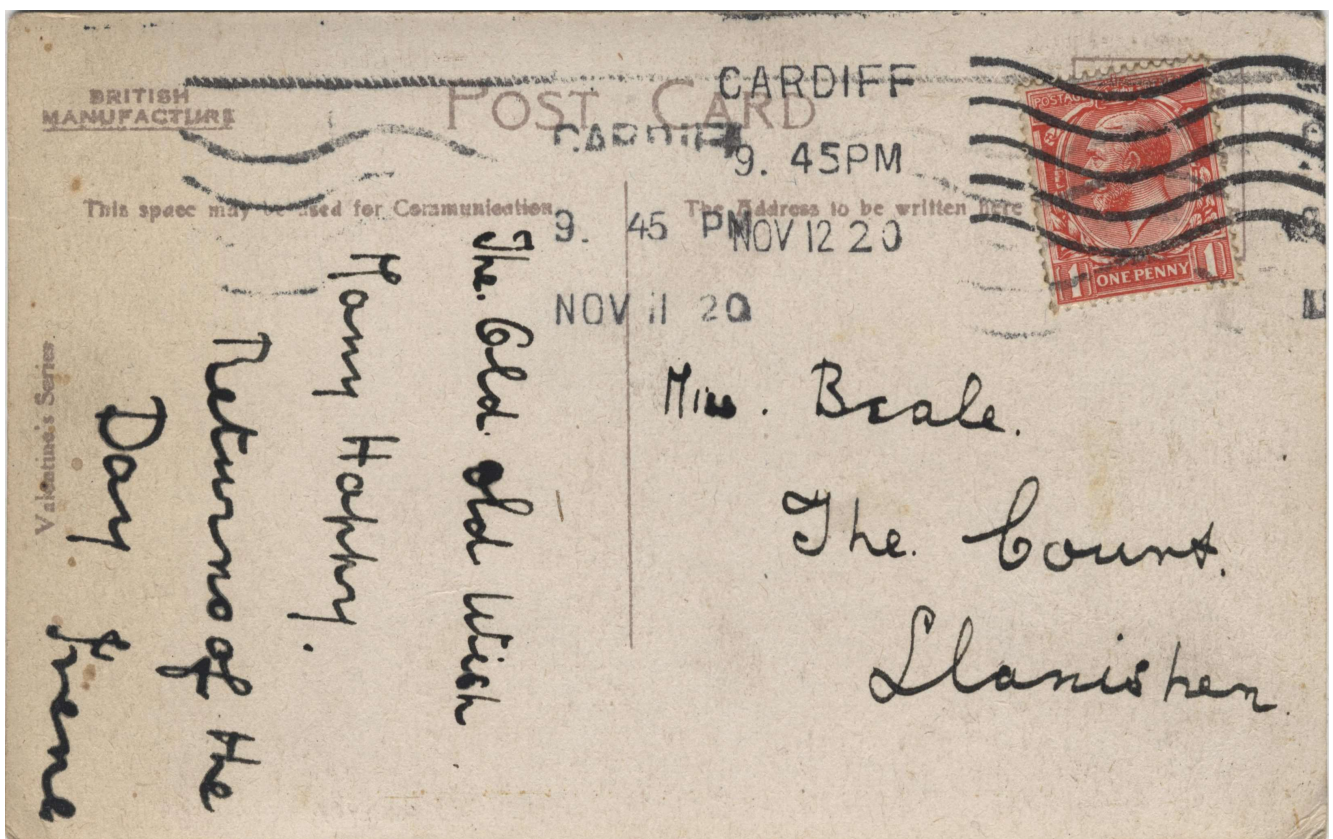


Krag Hand Operated Machine (StW/c 1) to G T Sibbering Chief Engineer at Taff Vale Railway and one of the founder members of Cardiff Philatelic Society in 1899.





Columbia OCT 15 16 (StW/s 3) with 2d 162 (Cardiff) postage due handstamp  
2d Postage Due stamp cancelled with a Single Circle ERDINGTON thimble



Postcard used locally with both Krag (StW/c 5) NOV 11 20  
and Columbia (StW/s 8) NOV 12 20



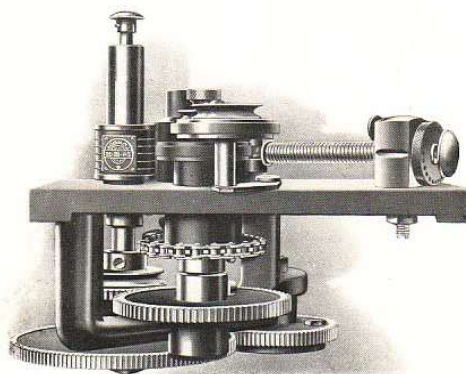
The  
Krag Stamping Machine.  
Motor driven.



Approximate weight 230 kg.  
Motor mounted inside the stand. Directly coupled to the working gear.  
Not exposed to dust.

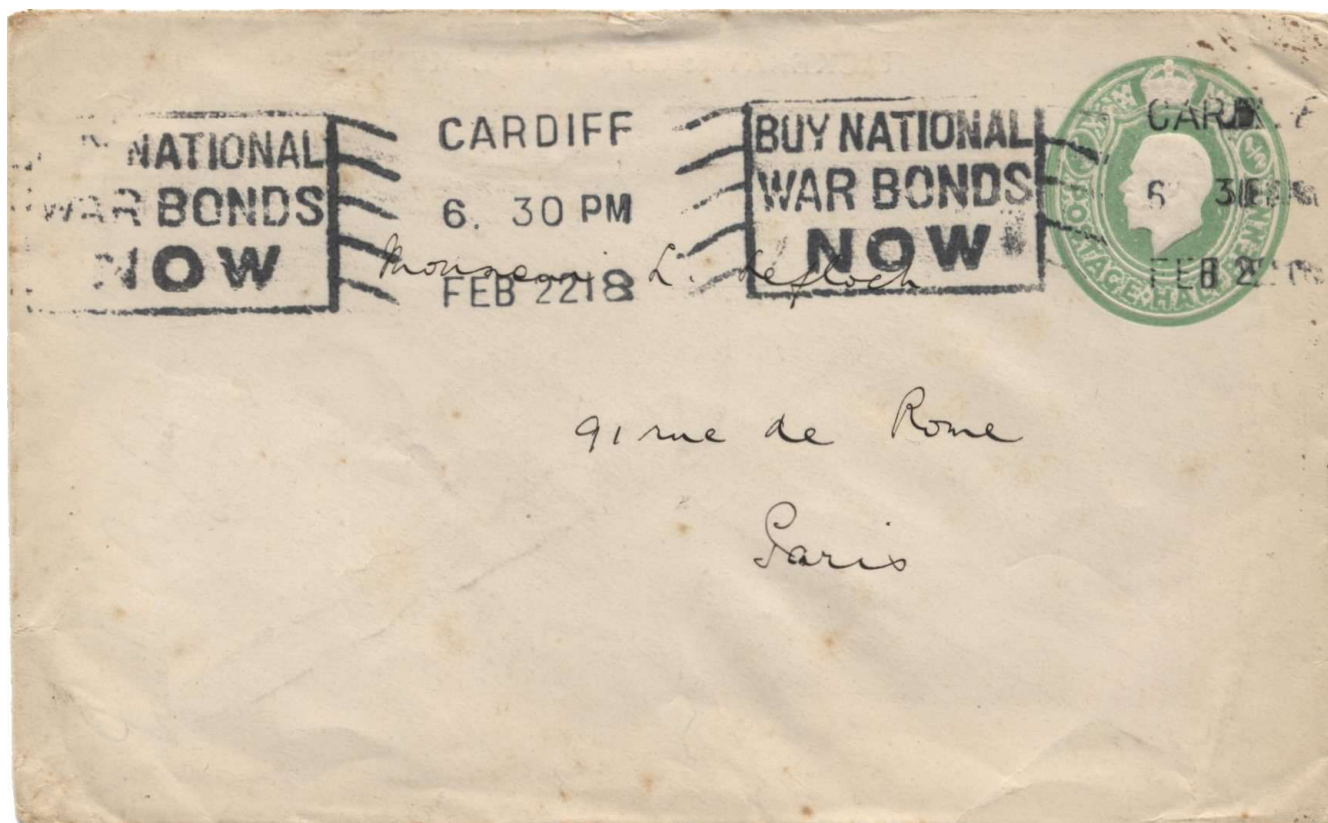
Capacity: 1000—1200 letters per minute.  
This machine does the work of 10—12 hand stampers.

The  
Krag Stamping Machine.  
Spare Bedplate for Motor Machines.



All working parts of the mechanism fitted on the plate.  
Can be replaced without delay.

Pages from Krag machine Promotional leaflet  
(By kind permission of Martin Evans)



Krag (StS/c 1) BUY NATIONAL/WAR BONDS/NOW FEB 22 18

### c) Obliterator Slogan

StS/c	1)	PPP 2	BUY NATIONAL/WAR BONDS/NOW	1917/18
	2)	PPP 7	FEED THE GUNS/WITH WAR BONDS	1918
	3)	PPP 15	BRITISH EMPIRE/EXHIBITION 1924	1922/23

### Krag slogan cancels

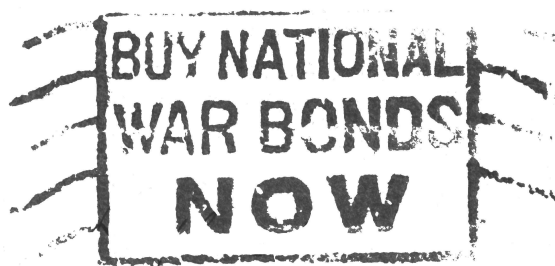
Details of National Campaigns from  
Collecting Slogan Postmarks – Parsons, Peachey & Pearson

**BUY NATIONAL/WAR BONDS/NOW**  
1917 December - October 1918

About 100 pairs of dies used nationally

(The first slogan cancellations in Great Britain  
1917 - 1918 ~ R A Keneally 1991 reports use in  
Cardiff 11 January 1918 – 28 February 1918)

Observed use 26 February 1918 - 28 April 1918



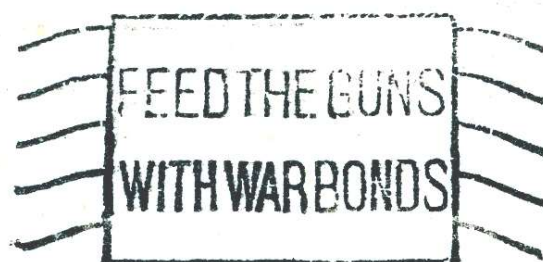
StS/c 1

**FEED THE GUNS/WITH WAR BONDS**  
1918 October

About 130 pairs of dies used nationally

(The first slogan cancellations in Great Britain  
1917 - 1918 ~ R A Keneally 1991 reports use in  
Cardiff 2 October - 21 October 1918)

Observed use October 10 1918 - 7 November 1918



StS/c 2

**BRITISH EMPIRE/  
EXHIBITION 1924**

1922 October - June 1924

12 pairs of dies used nationally



StS/c 3



## Cardiff Paquebot (Krag machine)

Dater - CARDIFF/PAQUEBOT/TIME/DATE in four straight lines.

Between 1911 and 1914 mail landed at Fishguard from Cunard Trans-atlantic liners was brought by train to Cardiff where it was cancelled with a CARDIFF/PAQUEBOT/TIME/DATE krag machine cancellation. Fishguard was an important port because passengers embarking from the US could use the fast South Wales - London rail link and be in London in a few hours, Paris in 24 and Berlin in 36.

### a) Obliterator six straight lines

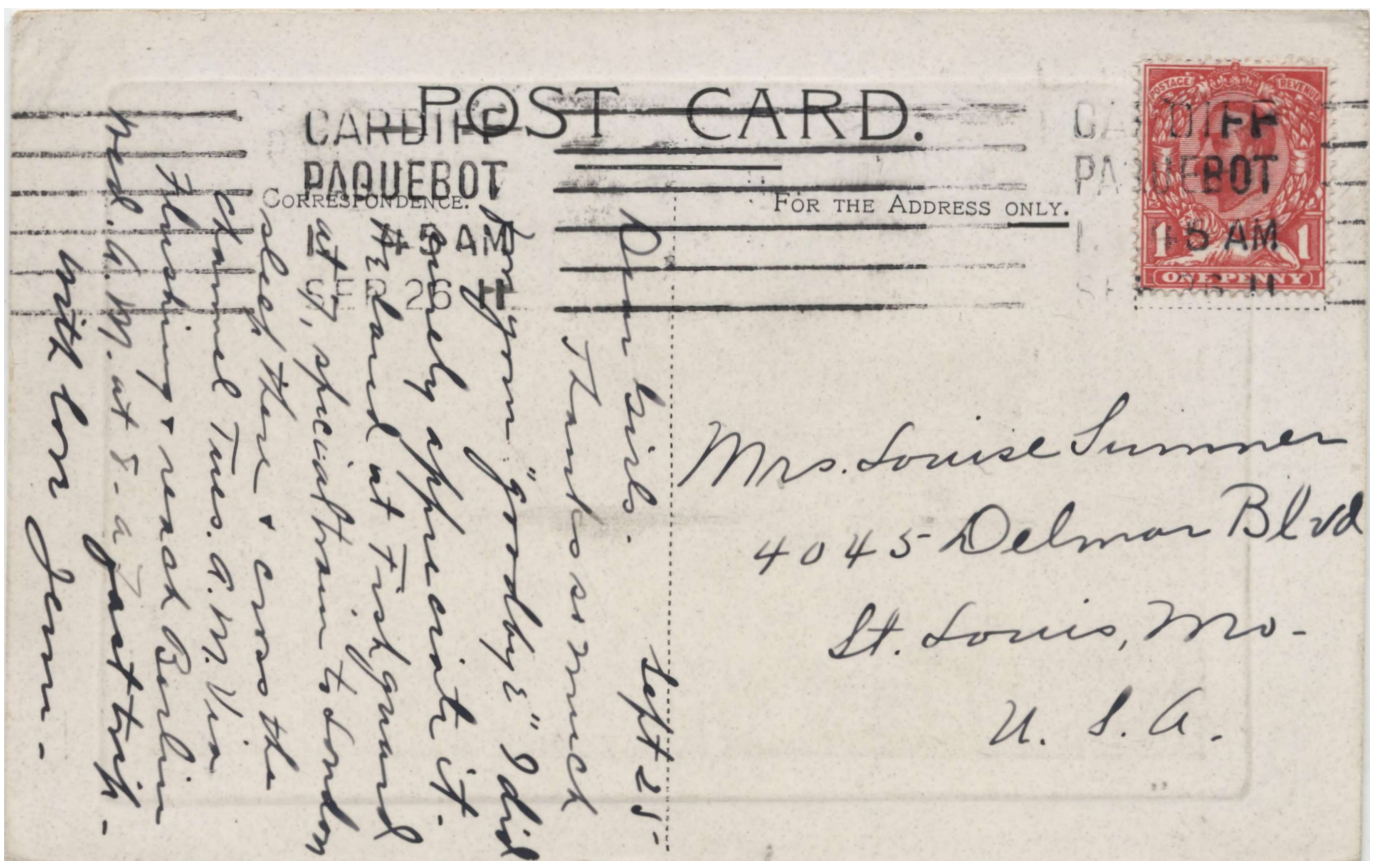
PS/c 1) Six straight lines 25/04/11\* 13/05/13

### b) Obliterator five wavy lines

PW/c 1) Five wavy lines inclined upwards 23/10/13\* 20/07/14  
Large A after date - one dater section

CARDIFF/PAQUEBOT/1.45AM/SEP 26 11 (Tuesday)

*'Sept 25 (Monday) Dear Girls, Thanks so much for your "goodbye" I did surely appreciate it.  
We land at Fishguard at 7, special train to London sleep then & cross the channel Tues. a.m. Via Flushing  
& reach Berlin Wed. a.m. at 8. a fast trip. With love Jim'*



## Universal Single Impression Machine.

Dater - Single circle CARDIFF curved TIME/DATE/YEAR

For illustrations of Dater and Obliterator dies see pages 20 – 23

### a) Obliterator wavy lines

#### Dater

CuW/s	1)	6 lines wide top line	1922/3
		6 lines thin 4 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> line	1923/5
	2)	6 lines thin 4 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> line	1927
	3)	6 lines thin 4 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> line	1928
		6 lines even	1928
		5 lines inclined down	1929/30
		5 lines inclined up	1929/30
	4)	5 lines inclined up	1930/31
	5)	5 lines inclined up	1934
	6)	5 lines inclined up	1934
		5 lines inclined down	1935
		7 lines inclined down	1935/36
	7)	7 lines inclined down	1936
	8)	7 lines split inclined down	1936/43
	9)	Only Slogan postmarks seen	
		Empire Exhibition 1938	1938
		Post Early in the Day ( Sunburst)	1939
		Grow More Food Dig for Victory	1939
	10)	7 lines split inclined down	1937/39
	11)	Only Slogan postmarks seen	
		Post Early in the Day (Sunburst)	1940&41
		Help to Win on the Kitchen Front	1940
		Save Waste Paper Metal Bones and Rags	1940&41
	12)	7 lines split inclined down	1944/47
	13)	7 lines split inclined down	1946/47
	14)	7 lines split inclined down	1947
	14a)	7 lines split inclined down	1947

CuW/s	15)	7 lines split inclined down (Centre section inverted)	1948 26/04
		7 lines split inclined down	1949
		7 lines split inclined up (Obliterator inverted)	1949 28/09
	16)	7 lines split inclined down	1950/51
	17)	7 lines split inclined down	1951/52
	18)	7 lines split inclined down	1951
	19)	7 lines split inclined down	1952
CFW/s	CFA)	6 lines even	C1928
		5 lines inclined down	C1931
CFS/s		The Telephone Makes Life Easier	C1931/4
162S/s	162Δ a)	162 (large) - British Goods are Best slogan (small letters)	C1925/26
162S/s	162Δ b)	162 (small) -	C1931/34
162W/s		The Telephone Makes Life Easier 162 (small) - 7 lines split	C1937/41
PdBW/s	Pd 1½d	5 lines inclined down / in fraction (in red)	1929
PdBW/s	Pd ½d a)	6 lines inclined down / in fraction (in red)	1927/28
		7 lines inclined down / in fraction (in red)	1927/34
		5 lines inclined down / in fraction (in red)	1929/34
		5 lines inclined up / in fraction (in red)	1930
PdBS/s		The Telephone Saves Time and Money (in red)	1932/33
		The Telephone Makes Life Easier (in red)	1933
PdW/s	Pd ½d b)	7 lines inclined down – in fraction (in red)	1935
GBW/s	GB)	7 lines split inclined down	
		OFFICIAL/PAID in centre section (in red)	1939/48
		2½d/PAID in centre section (in red)	1942
		1d/PAID in centre section (in red)	1943/49
		1½d/PAID in centre section (in red)	1952
GBS/s	GBT)	7 lines split inclined down	
	Superscript 'T'	OFFICIAL/PAID in centre section (in red)	1940
	Superscript 'T'	1d/PAID in centre section (in red)	1946
OW/s	O)	5 lines inclined down (in red)	1931
OS/s	O)	The Telephone Saves Time and Money (in red)	1932
		The Telephone Makes Life Easier (in red)	1933

## b) Obliterator Slogan

PPP numbers from Parsons, Peachey and Pearson's excellent  
Collecting Slogan Postmarks 1986

CuS/s	1)	PPP 12	POST/EARLY/IN THE/DAY	1924
	2)	PPP 21	PAGEANT OF EMPIRE/STADIUM WEMBLEY/21 JULY TO 30 AUGUST	1924
	3)	PPP 22	BRITISH EMPIRE/EXHIBITION/ MAY-1925- OCT	1925
	4)	PPP 32	BRITISH GOODS/ARE BEST (Small letters)	1925
	5)	PPP 31	BRITISH GOODS/ARE BEST (Large letters)	1926
	6)	PPP 32	BRITISH GOODS/ARE BEST (Small letters)	1926
	7)	PPP 38	SAY IT BY/TELEPHONE	1926
	8)	PPP 39	POST EARLY/-FOR-/CHRISTMAS	1926
	9)	PPP 43	POST EARLY/-FOR-/CHRISTMAS	1928
	10)	PPP 49	POST EARLY/FOR/CHRISTMAS	1930
	11)	PPP 58	THE TELEPHONE/MAKES/LIFE EASIER ‡	1931
	12)	PPP 58	THE TELEPHONE/MAKES/LIFE EASIER ‡ #	1932
	13)	PPP 60	THE TELEPHONE/SAVES/ TIME AND MONEY	1932
	14)	PPP 58	THE TELEPHONE/MAKES/LIFE EASIER ‡ #	1933
	15)	PPP 60	THE TELEPHONE/ SAVES/ TIME AND MONEY <sup>#</sup>	1933
	16)	PPP 73	POST EARLY/FOR/CHRISTMAS	1933
	17)	PPP 77F	THE TELEPHONE/ MAKES/LIFE EASIER ‡	1934
	18)	PPP 84	POST EARLY/-FOR-/CHRISTMAS	1935
	19)	PPP 90	POST EARLY/FOR/CHRISTMAS	1936
	20)	PPP 93	POST EARLY IN THE DAY (Sunburst)	1937
	21)	PPP 99	POST EARLY IN THE DAY (Sunburst)	1938

CuS/s	22)	PPP 100	EMPIRE/EXHIBITION/GLASGOW/ MAY-OCTOBER 1938 <sup>#</sup>	1938
	23)	PPP 106	POST EARLY IN THE DAY (Sunburst)	1939
	24)	PPP 107	ROAD USERS/TAKE CARE/ AVOID RISKS	1939
	25)	PPP 108	GROW MORE FOOD/ DIG FOR VICTORY	1939
	26)	PPP 111	POST EARLY IN THE DAY (Sunburst)	1940
	27)	PPP 112	GROW MORE FOOD/ DIG FOR VICTORY	1940
	28)	PPP 113	HELP TO WIN/ON THE/ KITCHEN FRONT	1940
	29)	PPP 114	SAVE WASTE/PAPER METALS/ BONES RAGS	1940
	30)	PPP 116	POST EARLY/FOR/CHRISTMAS	1940
	31)	PPP 117	POST EARLY IN THE DAY (Sunburst)	1941
	32)	PPP 119	SAVE WASTE/PAPER METALS/ BONES RAGS	1941
	33)	PPP 120	GROW MORE FOOD/DIG FOR VICTORY	1941
	34)	PPP 122	POST EARLY IN THE DAY (Sunburst)	1942
	35)	PPP 123	POST EARLY/FOR/CHRISTMAS	1942
	36)	PPP 125	POST EARLY/FOR/CHRISTMAS	1943
	37)	PPP 127	POST EARLY/FOR/CHRISTMAS	1944
	38)	PPP 129	VICTORY (Bells) (EUROPE May/Jun)	1945
	39)	PPP 130	VICTORY (Bells) (JAPAN Aug/Sept)	1945

<sup>#</sup> Two types of dater

CuS/s	40)	PPP 132	POST EARLY/FOR CHRISTMAS (Holly)	1945
	41)	PPP 134	30 YEARS NATIONAL SAVINGS	1946
	42)	PPP 135	DON'T/WASTE BREAD/ OTHERS NEED IT	1946
	43)	PPP 136	TAKE NO CHANCES/ KEEP DEATH/OFF THE ROAD	1946
	44)	PPP 137	BRITAIN/CAN MAKE IT/ EXHIBITION - 1946	1946
	45)	PPP 140	BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR/ MAY 5TH-6TH 1947/ LONDON & BIRMINGHAM ☼	1947
	46)	PPP 141	STAGGERED/HOLIDAYS/ FOR COMFORT	1947
	47)	PPP 143	VOLUNTEER/ -FOR A- /FORCES CAREER	1947
	48)	PPP 144	BRITAIN FOR/HOLIDAYS/ -VISITEZ LA-/GRANDE BRETAGNE	1947
	49)	PPP 145	SAVE/FOR/THE/SILVER LINING	1947
		PPP 146	E P (BELLS)	1947
		PPP 148	POST EARLY/FOR CHRISTMAS (Holly)	1947
	50)	PPP 150	BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR/ MAY 3RD-14TH 1948/ LONDON & BIRMINGHAM	1948
	51)	PPP 151	LEND A HAND/ON THE LAND	1948
	52)	PPP 153	A DISTINGUISHED/CAREER/NURSING	1948
	53)	PPP 156	ROYAL NATIONAL/EISTEDDFOD/ OF WALES/31 JULY - 7 AUG/ BRIDGEND · GLAM	1948
	54)	PPP 158	BLOOD DONORS/ARE STILL/ URGENTLY/NEEDED	1948 AUG

CuS/s	55)	PPP 159	SAVE YOUR/WASTE PAPER/ FOR SALVAGE	1948
	56)	PPP 162	POST EARLY/FOR CHRISTMAS (Redrawn)	1948
	57)	PPP 163	JOIN THE/VOLUNTEER/FORCES	1949
	58)	PPP 164	BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR/ 2ND-13TH MAY 1949/ LONDON & BIRMINGHAM	1949
	59)	PPP 165	MIND/HOW YOU GO/ON THE ROAD	1949
	60)	PPP 169	IN LONDON/21ST JUNE-20TH JULY/ IS/COLONIAL MONTH	1949
	61)	PPP 170	BRITAIN SAYS/ THANK YOU FOR/FOOD GIFTS	1949
	62)	PPP 171	NATIONAL SAVINGS WEEK/ -OCTOBER 22-29-	1949
	63)	PPP 175	POST EARLY/FOR CHRISTMAS (Holly)	1949
	64)	PPP 176	BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR/ 8TH-19TH MAY 1950/ LONDON & BIRMINGHAM	1950
	65)	PPP 177	ROAD USERS/ PLEASE MIND THE/CHILDREN	1950
	66)	PPP 178	THE INTERNATIONAL/STAMP EXHIBITION/GROSVENOR HOUSE/ LONDON MAY 6 – 13	1950
	67)	PPP 190	BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR/ 30 APRIL-11 MAY 1951 LONDON & BIRMINGHAM	1951
	68)	PPP 186	FESTIVAL/OF/BITAIN/MAY 3 - SEP 30	1951
		PPP 189	POST EARLY/FOR CHRISTMAS (Holly)	1949
	69)	PPP 190	BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR/ 5TH-16TH MAY 1952/ LONDON & BIRMINGHAM	1952
	70)	PPP 192	POSTAGE ON LETTERS/FOR/EUROPE 4D	1952



## Cardiff Bute Docks

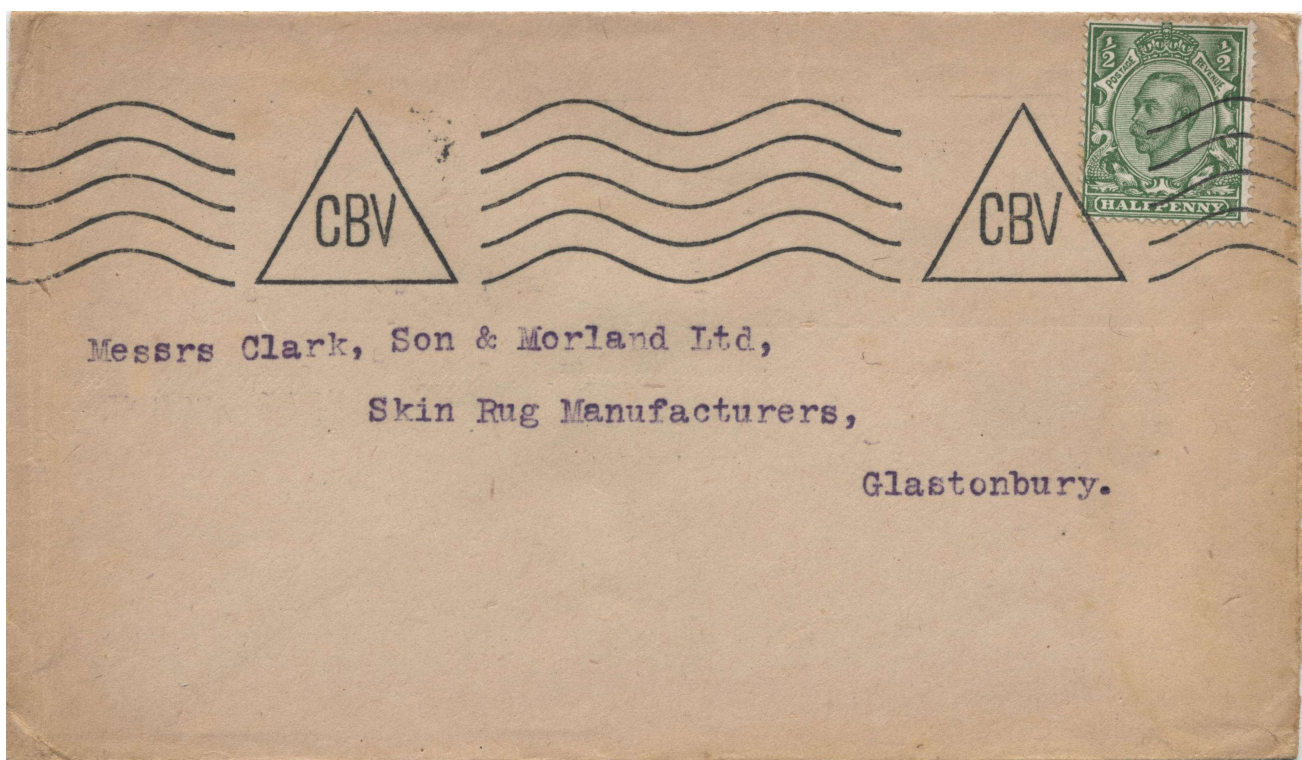
### Krag Continuous Impression Machines

a) CBV in triangle in place of dater

CBVL/c CBVΔ) CBV in triangle<sup>û</sup>

C1912

<sup>û</sup> Although CBV is the code for Bute Docks it would seem that there was no Krag machine in that office, this mark was probably used in one of the Krag's at Westgate Street.



Krag (CBVΔ) Cardiff Bute Docks CBV in triangle

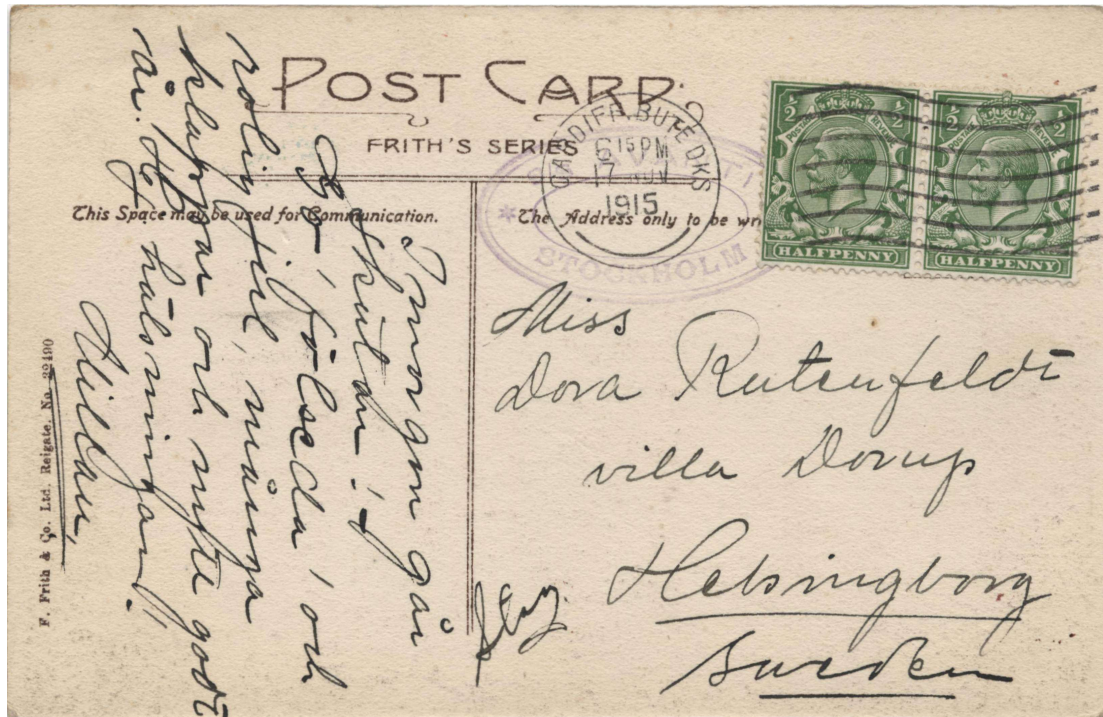


## Universal Single Impression Machine.

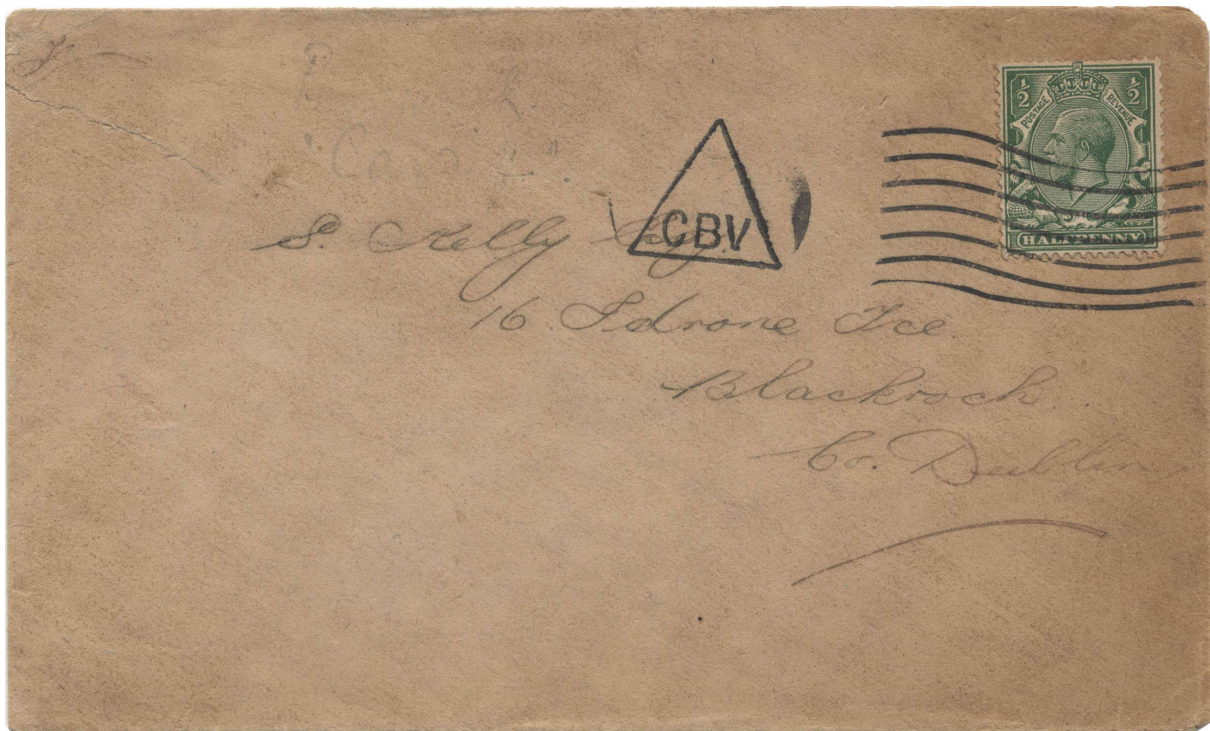
Dater - Single circle CARDIFF. BUTE DKS/-

### a) Obliterator wavy lines

CuW/s 1) Seven wavy lines inclined upwards 26/07/15\* 16/03/20\*  
 CBVΔW/s CBVΔ) Seven wavy lines inclined upwards C1915/20



Universal (CUW/s 1) Cardiff Bute Docks CARDIFF. BUTE DKS/-



Universal (CBVΔ) Cardiff Bute Docks CBV in triangle

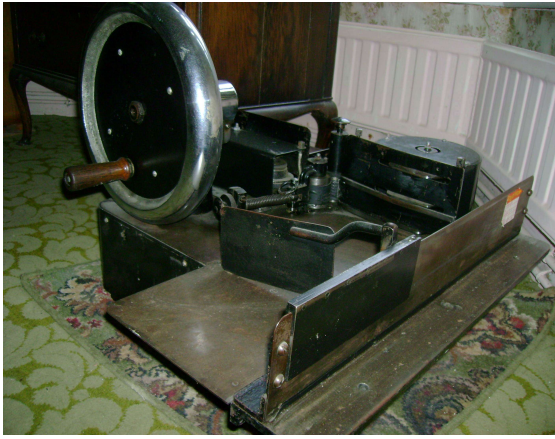




These postcards of Bute Docks Post Office, Cardiff were sent to Highbridge (1903) and St Davids (1907). The building on Bute Place housed a Universal Machine between 1915 and 1920 which used a single circle CARDIFF. BUTE DKS/- dater.







Krag hand operated machine and die box with two of each item needed for the two dater dies used to produce the distinctive continuous impression



Krag printed matter and dater dies



Krag dater die opened



Universal die box



Both sides of a Universal cam showing the dater die and 7 Wavy line split obliterator in place



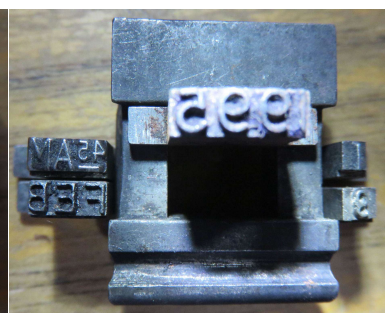
Cam, bolts for fitting obliterator, spring to hold dater die and central pin



Wavy line obliterator and 2 1/2 PAID slug & back



Back of dater die showing year, time and date slugs in place, and alongside. The groove locates with the spring affixed using one of the bolts



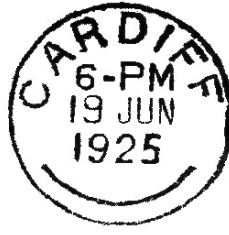
# **Universal Dater Dies - no code letters** **1921 - 1952**

1) arc 80°



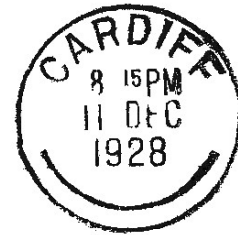
**01-10-21\***  
**01-05-25\***

2) arc 110°



**16-05-25\***  
**05-09-27**

3) arc 140°



**14-11-27\***  
**31-07-30**

4) arc 170°



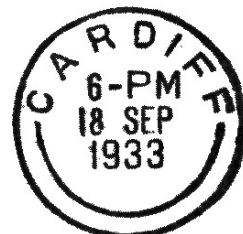
**22-08-30\***  
**07-03-32**

5) arc 180°



**03-04-32**  
**20-08-34**

6) arc 180°



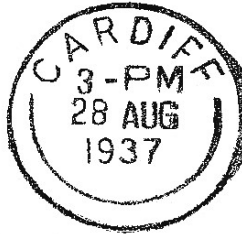
**02-01-33\***  
**09-08-36\***

7) arc 170°



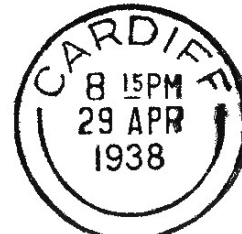
**16-11-35\***  
**11-12-36\***

8) arc 210°  
 1935 - 37 & 1940 - 43



**25-11-35\***  
**31-08-43**

9) arc 210°  
 Only Slogans seen



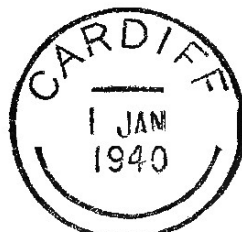
**22-02-38\***  
**24-12-39\***

10) arc 160°



**24-12-36**  
**27-12-39\***

11) arc 155°  
 Only Slogans seen



**31-12-39\***  
**06-02-43\***

12) arc 235°



**09-02-42**  
**27-03-47\***



Later worn use of type 7

13) no arc



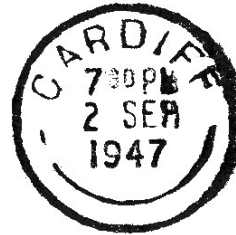
18-12-46  
21-04-47

14) arc 170°



16-05-47  
18-07-47

14a) arc 170°  
Break in arc



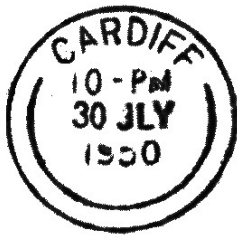
18-08-47  
16-09-48

15) arc 210°



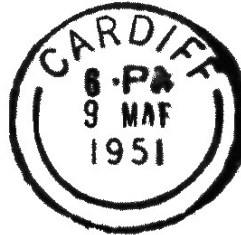
02-09-47\*  
10-05-50\*

16) arc 235°



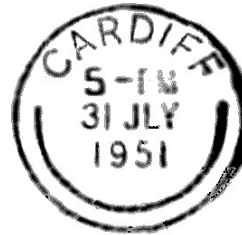
30-07-50  
09-07-51

17) arc 220°



21-09-50  
18-09-52

18) arc 200°



31-07-51

19) arc 200°



17-08-52  
23-08-52

O



21-11-29\*  
15-12-33\*

PdB



1927/35

GB1  
Wide round 'C'



15-04-37\*  
27-02-92\*

GB2  
Narrow 'C'



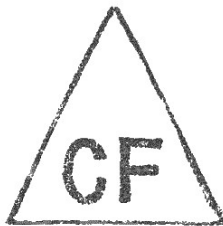
GBT  
Superscript 'T'



1940/46

Used on Printed Matter letters in dater position

CFA



C1928/31

162Δa



C1925/26

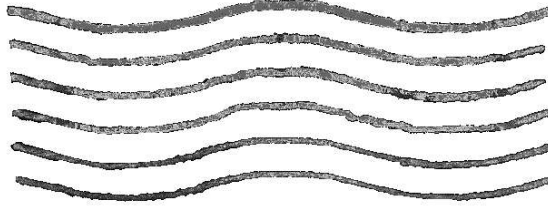
162Δb



C1931/41

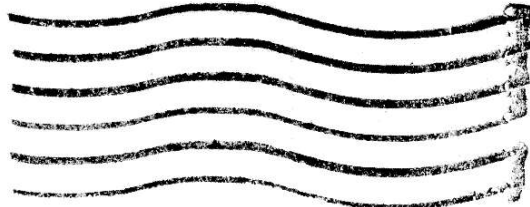
## Universal Machine Wavy Line obliterator dies

**Six lines inclined downward**  
(Thick top line)



**13-10-21 ~ 16-08-23**

**Six lines inclined downward**  
(Thin 4th & 6th line)



**17-12-23 ~ 05-09-27**

**Six lines inclined downward**  
(Even lines)



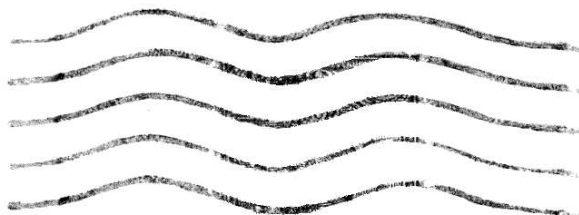
**17-09-28**

**Five lines inclined downward**



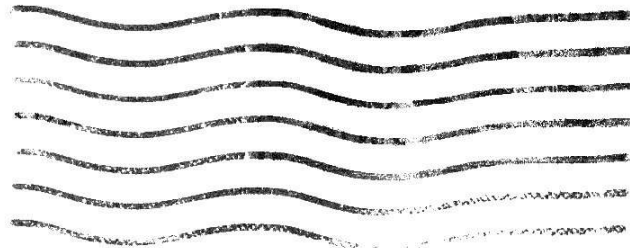
**09-07-29 ~ 22-08-35**

**Five lines inclined upward**



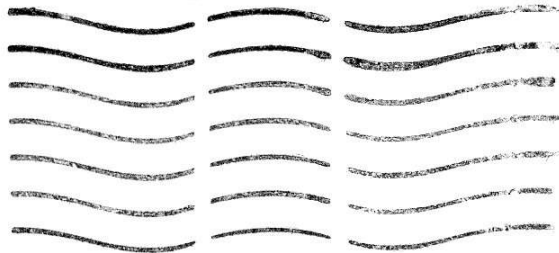
**09-08-29 ~ 30-09-34**

**Seven lines inclined downward**



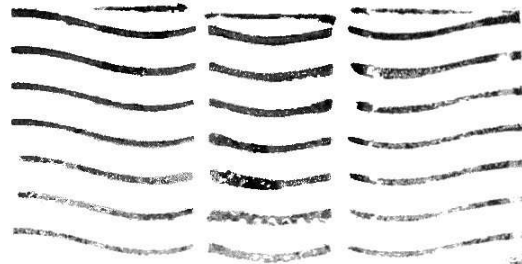
**07-10-34 ~ 17-08-36**

**Seven lines split inclined downward**



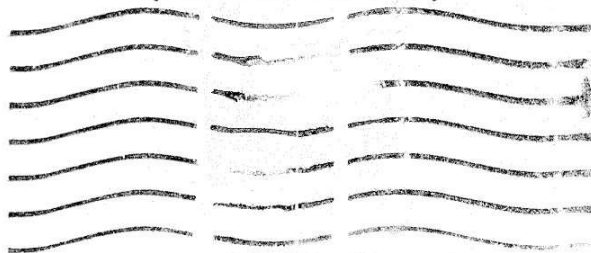
**24-03-37 ~ 23-08-52**

**Seven lines split inclined downward  
(center section inverted)**



**26-04-48**

**Seven lines split inclined upward  
(inverted obliterator)**



**28-09-49**

**Seven lines split inclined downward  
(OFFICAL/PAID)**

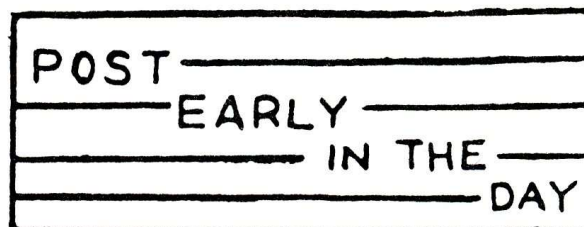


**09-08-29 ~ 30-09-34**

## Universal slogan cancels

Details of National Campaigns from  
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POST/EARLY/IN THE/DAY  
1922 July – 1923 July  
until 1926 at a few offices  
About 25 dies used nationally



In this style with larger letters,  
image Parsons, Peachey & Pearson

PAGEANT OF EMPIRE/  
STADIUM WEMBLEY/  
21 JULY TO 30 AUGUST 1924  
July – August  
About 30 dies used nationally



Damaged 'PAGE' in die

BRITISH EMPIRE/  
EXHIBITION/  
MAY-1925- OCT  
1925 March – August



BRITISH GOODS/ARE BEST  
1925 July – 1926 (Small letters)  
until Jan 1927 at a few offices,  
Cardiff ?  
About 15 dies used nationally



(Small letters)

BRITISH GOODS/ARE BEST  
1925 July – 1926 (Large letters)  
until Jan 1927 at a few offices,  
Cardiff ?  
About 200 dies used nationally



(Large letters)



POST EARLY/-FOR-/CHRISTMAS  
POST EARLY/FOR/CHRISTMAS  
1925 - 1950

Up to 150 dies used nationally  
in Dec each year.

Phased out 1946 – 1950

By 1937 most of the ‘-FOR-’ dies had  
been replaced by the ‘FOR’ version.  
Successor 1945 ‘Holly’ die.

POST EARLY  
— FOR —  
CHRISTMAS

POST EARLY  
FOR  
CHRISTMAS

SAY IT BY/TELEPHONE  
1926 September – 1927 January  
About 125 dies used nationally

SAY IT BY  
TELEPHONE

THE TELEPHONE/MAKES/  
LIFE EASIER  
1931 September – 1934  
The same die with a broken cross  
bar to ‘T’ was used in Cardiff  
during 1931, 32, 33 & 34

THE TELEPHONE  
MAKES  
LIFE EASIER

THE TELEPHONE/SAVES/  
TIME AND MONEY  
1931 September – 1934  
Used in campaigns in Cardiff  
during 1931, 32, 33 & 34  
25 Dies used nationally

THE TELEPHONE  
SAVES  
TIME AND MONEY

POST EARLY IN THE DAY  
(Sunburst)  
1937 – 1945  
Used generally throughout the year  
when not displaced by other slogans  
200 dies - phased out 1943-45

POST EARLY  
IN  
THE DAY

EMPIRE/EXHIBITION  
GLASGOW/MAY-OCTOBER 1938  
1938 February – October  
About 150 dies used nationally



ROAD USERS/TAKE CARE/  
AVOID RISKS  
1939 August – September  
About 100 dies used nationally

ROAD USERS  
TAKE CARE  
AVOID RISKS

GROW MORE FOOD/  
DIG FOR VICTORY  
1939 20 November – 29 December  
1940 March & December mainly  
1941 March mainly  
50 – 75 dies used nationally

GROW MORE FOOD  
DIG FOR VICTORY

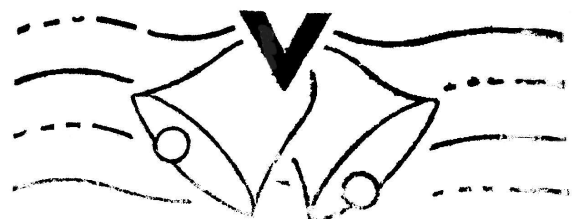
HELP TO WIN/ON THE/  
KITCHEN FRONT  
1940 June & July  
50 dies used nationally

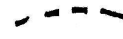
HELP TO WIN  
ON THE  
KITCHEN FRONT

SAVE WASTE/PAPER METALS/  
BONES RAGS  
1940 July & August and  
1941 January & February  
With later dates at some offices  
About 50 dies used nationally

SAVE WASTE  
PAPER METALS  
BONES RAGS

VICTORY (Bells)  
1945 8 May – 9 June  
(Victory in Europe)  
15 August– 15 September  
(Victory over Japan)



The 'dot dot dot dash'   
represents 'V' in Morse Code

POST EARLY/FOR CHRISTMAS  
(Holly)

1945 – 1952 in Dec each year.  
100 – 350 dies used nationally.

POST EARLY  
  
for CHRISTMAS

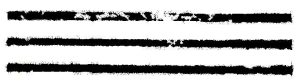
30 YEARS/NATIONAL SAVINGS/  
1916-1946

1946 1 – 30th April  
350 dies used nationally.

30 YEARS  
NATIONAL SAVINGS  
1916-1946

DON'T/WASTE BREAD/  
OTHERS NEED IT

1946 20 May – 15 June  
350 dies issued nationally

DON'T   
WASTE BREAD  
OTHERS NEED IT

TAKE NO CHANCES/  
KEEP DEATH/OFF THE ROAD

1946 1 – 31 July  
350 dies issued nationally

TAKE NO CHANCES  
KEEP DEATH  
OFF THE ROAD

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BRITAIN/CAN MAKE IT/  
EXHIBITION - 1946

1946 9 September – 8 October  
350 dies issued nationally

BRITAIN  
— CAN MAKE IT  
EXHIBITION — 1946

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR/  
MAY 5TH-16TH 1947/

LONDON & BIRMINGHAM

1947 20 January – 14 May

350 dies issued nationally

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR

MAY 5TH-16TH 1947

LONDON & BIRMINGHAM

Damaged 'DUSTRIE' in die

STAGGERED/HOLIDAYS/  
FOR COMFORT  
1947 24 February – 24 March  
350 dies issued nationally

STAGGERED  
HOLIDAYS  
FOR COMFORT

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VOLUNTEER/-FOR A-/  
FORCES CAREER  
1947 23 May – 21 June  
350 dies issued nationally

VOLUNTEER  
— FOR A —  
FORCES CAREER

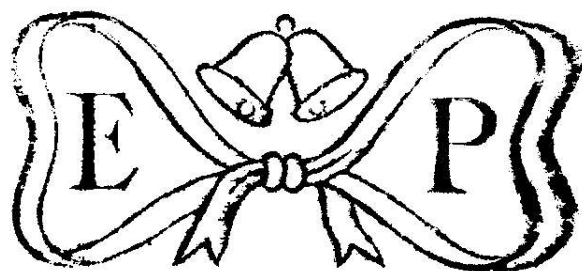
BRITAIN FOR/HOLIDAYS..../  
-VISITEZ LA-/  
GRANDE BRETAGNE  
1947 2 – 28 June

Britain for  
Holidays....  
— VISITEZ LA —  
GRANDE BRETAGNE

SAVE/FOR/THE/SILVER LINING  
1947 29 September – 27 October  
350 dies issued nationally

SAVE FOR THE  
SILVER LINING

EP (Bells)  
1947 20 – 30 November  
Used in every single-impression  
cancelling machine



BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR/  
MAY 3RD-14TH 1948/  
LONDON & BIRMINGHAM  
1948 20 January – 14 May  
50 dies issued nationally

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR  
MAY 3RD-14TH 1948  
LONDON & BIRMINGHAM

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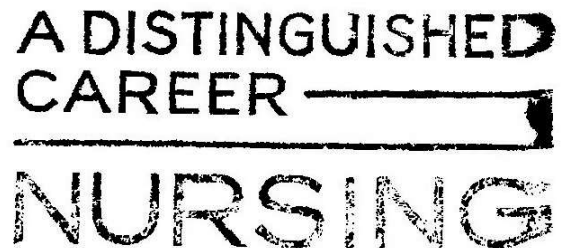
LEND A HAND/ON THE LAND  
1948 1 – 30 March  
350 dies issued nationally



LEND A HAND  
ON THE LAND

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A DISTINGUISHED/CAREER/  
NURSING  
1948 3 – 27 May  
350 dies issued nationally



A DISTINGUISHED  
CAREER —  
NURSING

ROYAL NATIONAL  
EISTEDDFOD/  
OF WALES/31 JULY - 7 AUG/  
BRIDGEND · GLAM  
1948 14 June – 9 July  
12 dies issued in Wales



ROYAL NATIONAL  
EISTEDDFOD  
OF WALES  
31 JULY - 7 AUG  
BRIDGEND · GLAM

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BLOOD DONORS/ARE STILL/  
URGENTLY/NEEDED  
1947 – 1949 & 1951  
23 May – 21 June



BLOOD DONORS  
ARE STILL  
URGENTLY —  
— NEEDED

SAVE YOUR/WASTE PAPER/  
FOR SALVAGE  
1948 6 – 30 September  
350 dies issued nationally



SAVE YOUR  
WASTE PAPER  
FOR SALVAGE

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JOIN THE/VOLUNTEER/  
FORCES  
1949 3 – 31 January  
350 dies issued nationally



JOIN THE  
VOLUNTEER  
FORCES



BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR/  
MAY 2ND-13TH 1949/  
LONDON & BIRMINGHAM  
1949 1 February – 7 May  
50 dies issued nationally

MIND/HOW YOU GO/  
ON THE ROAD  
1949 1 – 29 April  
350 dies issued nationally

IN LONDON/21ST JUNE-20TH  
JULY/IS/COLONIAL MONTH  
1949 21 June – 19 July  
100 dies issued nationally

BRITAIN SAYS/THANK YOU  
FOR/FOOD GIFTS  
1949 2 – 31 August  
50 dies issued nationally

NATIONAL SAVINGS WEEK/  
-OCTOBER 22-29-  
1949 30 September – 7 October  
& 24 – 31 October  
300 dies issued nationally

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR/  
8TH-19TH MAY 1950/  
LONDON & BIRMINGHAM  
1950 20 Jan – 15 May

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR  
2ND-13TH MAY 1949  
LONDON & BIRMINGHAM

MIND ———  
HOW YOU GO  
ON THE ROAD

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— IN LONDON —  
21ST JUNE-20 JULY  
— IS —  
COLONIAL MONTH

BRITAIN SAYS  
THANK YOU FOR  
FOOD GIFTS

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NATIONAL SAVINGS WEEK  
OCTOBER 22-29

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR  
8TH-19TH MAY 1950  
LONDON & BIRMINGHAM  
Damaged 'DUSTRIE' in die

ROAD USERS/PLEASE MIND  
THE/CHILDREN  
1950 1st – 31st March  
350 dies issued nationally

ROAD USERS  
*PLEASE MIND THE*  
CHILDREN

THE INTERNATIONAL/STAMP  
EXHIBITION/GROSVENOR  
HOUSE/LONDON MAY 6 – 13  
1950 31st March 1st May  
50 dies issued nationally

THE INTERNATIONAL  
STAMP EXHIBITION  

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*GROSVENOR HOUSE*  
*LONDON MAY 6 13*

FESTIVAL/OF/BITRAIN/  
MAY 3 - SEP 30  
1951 2 – 30 April  
40 dies issued nationally  
Late use in Cardiff 3 & 4 May



BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR/  
5 - 16 MAY 1952/  
LONDON & BIRMINGHAM  
1952 14 January – 15 May  
50 dies issued nationally

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR  
5-16 MAY 1952  
LONDON & BIRMINGHAM

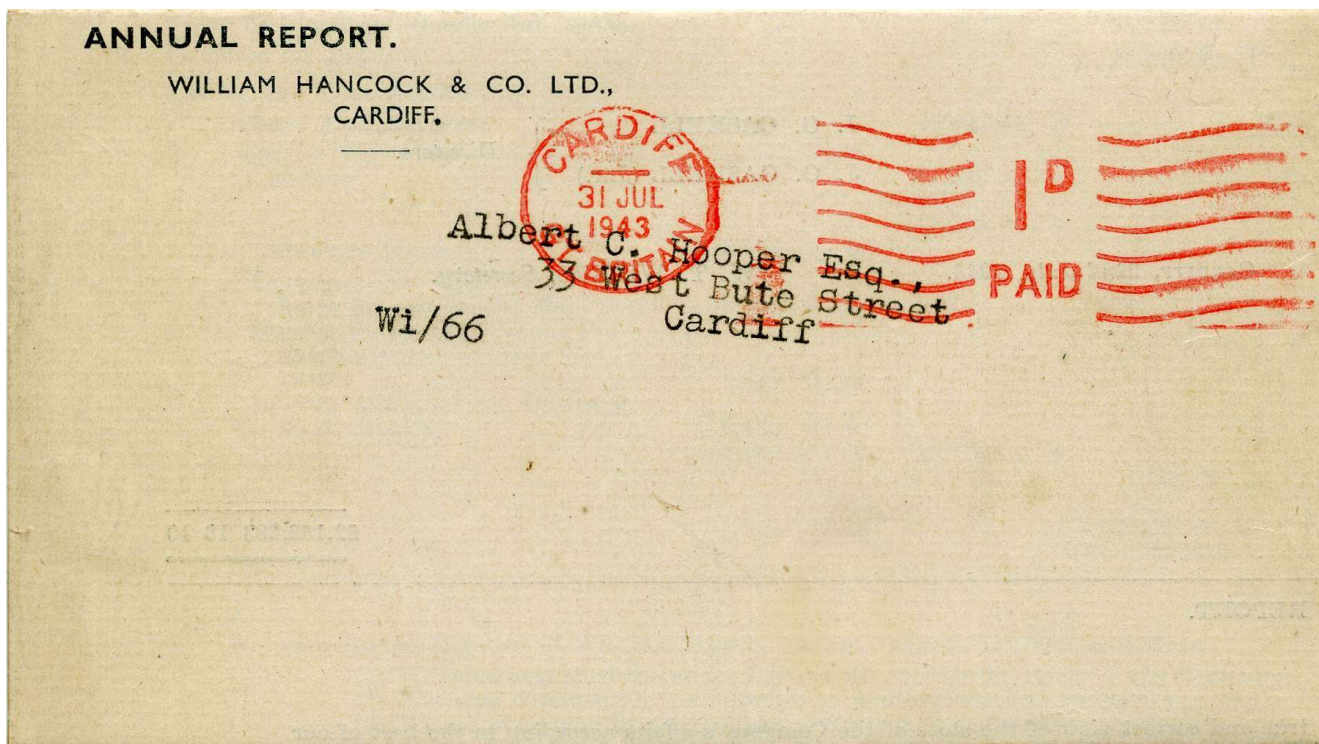
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POSTAGE ON LETTERS/FOR/  
EUROPE 4D  
1952 – 1954  
1 – 30 September  
350 dies issued nationally

POSTAGE ON LETTERS  
*for*  
EUROPE 4<sup>D</sup>

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Universal (GBW/s GB) 1943 CARDIFF/GT. BRITAIN 1d PAID  
7 lines split inclined down (1d/PAID in centre section)



Universal OFFICIAL/PAID obliterator with CARDIFF/GT. BRITAIN 8 SEP 1943 (GBW/s GB). Envelope reused using an OHMS wartime economy label and GENERAL REGISTER OF SHIPPING AND SEAMEN free frank in purple





1940 POST EARLY IN THE DAY (Sunburst) Dater Type 11 16 SEP 1940 on censored cover to USA with OPENED BY EXAMINER 4053 label and water colour portrait



GVI 1951 change of colour used on first day of issue with Festival slogan on home-made FDC

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